

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SQUARE-HOLED SPIRAL WELDED FILTER ELEMENT SUPPORT SLEEVE; the specification of which is attached hereto;

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

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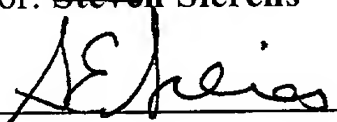
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